



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



July 14, 2010 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
James Barger, Commissioner

Absent Commissioners

Sara Vasquez, Commissioner
Diana Wood, Secretary

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Lupe Duron

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, County Counsel
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector

Guests

Sicily Orstead, Kennedy Court Reporter
Jess Barios
Felipe Diaz
Victor Garate
Oswaldo Guidos
Charles Hamilton
Roddy Khatib
Ali Nasrollahi

MEMBERS
STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANA WOOD
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SARA VASQUEZ
COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of a quorum, President Afriat called the public hearing to order at 9:02 a.m. President Afriat and Commissioner Barger acting as Hearing Officers.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on Application for Game Arcade Business License ID#135873

Jack Guarnieri/Neal M. Rosenberg
Elaut USA, Inc.
100 Universal City Plaza
Universal City, CA 91608 (Third District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there are no objections to the issuance of the license.

Felipe Diaz, Assistant Regional Manager, provided a signed and notarized letter to represent Jack Guarnieri. Mr. Diaz stated the business is a game arcade similar in operation to a Chuckie Cheese. The establishment welcomes patrons of all ages, there are a total of 29 video games, and its patrons can win plush toys. No food or refreshments are served at the establishment.

Ms. Hernandez informed Mr. Diaz, the location needs to have a licensed manger.

Commissioner Campbell joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner by Barger

Abstention: Vice President Campbell

Vote: Duly carried

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of June 16, 2010 – Approved.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Application for Health SPA/Club/SC Business License ID#136405

Charles Hamilton
Santa Clarita Athletic Club
24640 Wiley Canyon Road
Newhall, CA 91321 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Mr. Hamilton stated he started the Business in 1993 and sold it in 2002. He recently took over the business. The establishment is 64,000 square feet.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny Salvage Dealer Business License ID# 137009
continued from 4/14/2010

David Markovich
Marko Metals Inc.
2515 East 115th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90059 (Second District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported the Regional Planning Department has established the above mentioned business as a second hand dealer. The applicant has accepted the change and the issue is resolved.

ACTION TAKEN: The aforementioned license was taken off Calendar.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny Food Establishment Business License ID#135629
continued from 6/9/10

Roddy Khatib
Sierra Market and Café
36153 Sierra Hwy.
Palmdale, CA 93550 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that this application is recommended for denial by the Department of Public Health for unapproved plan check. Ms. Hernandez informed that Jess Barios, Health Department, indicated the plan check has been received.

Mr. Roddy Khatib informed the Commission he purchased the business last year, and was informed that a County Health inspector would visit the properties within ninety days. To date no one from the County Health department has visited the business.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation to deny the Food Establishment Business License ID# 135629 and approved issuance of the license contingent upon pending Health clearance.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on License to Modify w/Hearing / Addition of 33 Taxicabs Business License
ID#137346 continued from 5/26/10 and 6/16/10

Ali Nasrollahi
All Yellow Taxi, Inc.
17800 S. Main Street, 101
Gardena, CA 90248 (Second District)

President Afriat recused himself due to conflict of interest. Vice President Campbell and Commissioner Barger presided over the hearing as Hearing Officers.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant currently has twenty seven (27) vehicles and would like to add thirty three (33) additional permits. They have obtained valid insurance on all cars and County Risk Management has approved the request. They have obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Vice President Campbell read a letter of protest from Neil Evans, Attorney representing United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc., and Independent Taxi's Inc. protesting against Anything Yellow request for thirty three (33) additional permits (Copy on file).

Commission members expressed that the applicant has demonstrate and established a need for the issuance of the additional seals based on the letters of support, reports and reduction in Metro Bus Services (A copy of the reports is on file).

ACTION TAKEN: Vice President Campbell and Commissioner Barger agreed to place on the July 28, 2010 Consent Calendar their recommendation to approve the aforementioned license.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barger commented on radio ads soliciting on causes on behalf of kids in Los Angeles County. He is concerned that these organizations have not applied for a Notice of Intention to Solicit from Los Angeles County.

The Commission agreed to cancel July 21, 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President